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Housing Accomplishments - 108th Congress

A lack of undeveloped space and a high cost of living places Nassau County precarious housing situation. The demand for housing out of control in our community and even the price of older homes in need of repair is more than most working families can afford. Congresswoman McCarthy working to pass legislation that will make the 4th District's housing more accessible, affordable, and safer.

IMPROVING LOW INCOME HOUSING

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 1102, which establishes the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury to promote the development, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable and safe low-income housing through grants to States and local jurisdictions.

PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IN NASSAU COUNTY

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy was an original co-sponsor of HR 3507, the Improving Homeownership Opportunities in High-Cost States Act. The bill will increase Fannie Mae loan limits in high cost areas. The current loan limit is often inadequate in overly competitive housing markets like Long Island. This bill will help working families on Long Island secure the financing needed to purchase a home.

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 1429, the One Strike and You're Out Act of 2003. The Act will provide public housing and section 8 residents with information on any criminal activity eviction protections for victims of domestic or date violence and notice of evictions for domestic and dating violence
- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 1981, Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Reauthorization Act of 2003. The bill provides funds for the assisted housing drug elimination program designed to reduce drug use in and around public and section 8 housing. Specifically the funds will be used to:
 - Provide drug abuse treatment through rehabilitation or relapse prevention
 - Provide education about the dangers and consequences of drug use or violent crime
 - Identify drug users, and assisting drug use discontinuance through education or treatment programs
 - Provide after school youth
 - Provide capital improvements and security services to discourage or eliminate drug use or violent crime.

HELPING OUR VETERANS

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 1935, Veterans Housing Fairness Act of 2003 . The bill allows the use of veterans' housing loan benefits to purchase stock or membership in a development, project, or structure of a cooperative housing corporation. This bill allows veterans greater flexibility in using their VA home loans.

HELPING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

- ✓ Congresswoman McCarthy co-sponsored HR 2961, the Firefighters Affordable Housing Act. Provides mortgage assistance to qualified volunteer firefighters. The bill would provide one percent down payments (and deferral and reduction of up-front premium) for Federal Housing Administration mortgage loans for qualified professional firefighters to purchase homes within the jurisdictions of their employing public fire service or rescue or ambulance agency.